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## Commonwealth Ministers May Discuss Far East

London, Jan. 13.—The possibility of a Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference in the Far East this year is believed to have been in Dr Herbert Evatt's mind when he referred, at Perth, Australia, today to one of the more important decisions of the London Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, "not yet announced."

Dr Evatt, who is Australia's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, represented the Prime Minister, Mr Joseph B. Chifley, at the London talks.

The practicability of holding a Far East conference of Commonwealth Ministers to discuss social, economic, political and according to some quarters—defence problems is understood to have been considered by the Commonwealth countries since the Prime Ministers' talks in London in October.

Neither the date nor the venue has yet been fixed, but May or June have been mentioned as possible times, and a decision seems likely soon.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, when they met, took the view that there should be more frequent opportunities for mutual contact between the member countries.

### ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Peter Fraser, before he left London recently, told Reuters: "It would be very strange if, during the coming year, there were not some Commonwealth talks about the Far Eastern situation, though I know of nothing planned so far."

The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr Don Stephen Senanayake, has also expressed the hope that it might be possible to hold a Commonwealth Ministers' meeting in Ceylon.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, will make an announcement to Parliament soon on the proposals advanced at the London conference, which have since been the subject of Commonwealth exchanges.

The Prime Ministers discussed the question of the interval at which Commonwealth Ministers should meet. There were varying views as to whether the meetings should be at yearly or half yearly intervals, and as to the degree of regularity which should be maintained.

The conference also discussed the possible arrangements for direct access by the Commonwealth High Commissioners and their staffs to Government departments in the various capitals.

Such access, it is thought, would have a particular value in London, with its large, highly specialised Treasury, Board of Trade and other departments.—Reuters.

## RESHUFFLE UNLIKELY TO AFFECT TOP MINISTERS

London, Jan. 13.—The truth about the Prime Minister's predicted Government reshuffle, in which speculation had involved up to a third of his Ministry, is that even those sources close to the Prime Minister do not yet know of his intentions.

The only established fact is that he will appoint a new Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade to replace Mr John Belcher, who resigned following the proceedings of a tribunal investigating allegations of corruption in Government quarters.

This presumably would involve some reshuffle of Junior Ministers.

Little support can be found in informed quarters for the suggestion of a reshuffle involving the Cabinet hierarchy itself. Speculators have talked of the possible resignation of Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, but few have suggested whom the Government could switch to replace him.

With an election little more than a year distant, it is unlikely that Mr Attlee will wish to embark on a large experimental reshuffle at Cabinet level.—Reuters.

## NO APPEASEMENT OF RUSSIA IS DEAN ACHESON'S POLICY

Washington, Jan. 13.—Mr Dean Acheson today pledged himself to continue the "no appeasement" policy towards Russia when he becomes Secretary of State, and said he would see that subversives were kept out of the State Department.

The suave, 65-year-old lawyer-diplomat told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which held a brief hearing on his nomination to succeed Mr George Marshall, that reports that he was an appeaser were not true.

Mr Acheson testified that, while he could not at this time spell out in detail his attitude towards the Soviet Union, he fully intended to follow the "example" set by Mr Marshall in his difficult and sometimes stormy relations with the Kremlin.

"I think I know something of the need in American foreign policy for steadiness and continuity," said Mr Acheson.

His frank and frequently detailed statement of his attitude towards Russia and subversive elements seemed to erase any possibility of a serious Senate challenge to his confirmation.

Before Senator Connally closed the Committee hearing, the former Secretary of State, Mr Edward Stettinius, said Mr Acheson had played an important role in laying the groundwork for the United Nations. Mr Stettinius also reiterated the information that he was writing a "record" of the controversial Yalta conference, and said it would be published as soon as State Department clearance was obtained.

He said he wanted to clear up untruths about it, presumably referring to charges that the United States made too many concessions to Russia at Yalta.

**NO CHANCE**  
Senator Vandenberg asked Mr Acheson if he would define his "basic attitude" towards Russia. Mr

Acheson's response was: "Determination of foreign policy is a matter for the President. The President has stated in the most categorical manner that he does not contemplate any change."

Mr Acheson's testimony strengthened the impression that Mr Truman himself will be the chief figure in future evolution of American foreign policy and that Mr Acheson, as Secretary of State, will regard himself as an adviser and implementer, rather than inventor, of the policy.

Mr Dean Acheson testified that Alger Hiss remains a "friend" but said the indicted former State Department official was "never my assistant."

He told the committee that Hiss' brother, Donald, was "my assistant." He said: "Donald served me and served the country with complete fidelity and loyalty. He remains a close friend and is now my law partner and all that implies."

### NEVER AN ASSISTANT

Mr Acheson said he and the indicted Alger Hiss also "became friends and remain friends." Mr Acheson was asked a series of searching questions about his background, his connections with the Polish loan, his law firm's connections with the official Polish supply mission and his relationship with the Hiss brothers.

Alger Hiss was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury recently on perjury charges. The jury accused Hiss of lying when he said he did not turn State Department documents over to Whittaker Chambers, admitted former Communist courier.

Mr Acheson told the committee, chairman, Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas), "Alger Hiss was an officer in the State Department. We became friends and remain friends. He was never my assistant and except for the last few months when I was acting Secretary of State he never reported to me anyway."

Mr Acheson said he approved the \$500,000 loan to Poland in April 1946, when he was acting Secretary of State. He said the loan was granted with certain conditions. But Mr Acheson said he had not profited from his law firm's connections with the Polish government. He said his firm severed connections with the Polish government when the United States later charged that the 1946 Polish national elections were "rigged" for the Communists. Meanwhile, Republican grumblings against Mr Acheson's appointment all but died away.—United Press.

**STOP PRESS**

## KOWLOON DOCK FIRE

Three engines from the Kowloon Fire Station and one fire float were summoned to Kowloon Dock shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon to deal with a fire which broke out among waste oil in a dump in the East Yard.

The fire was restricted to a place of open ground and was under control by 1.30 p.m. There were no casualties.

# ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ARMISTICE TALKS OPEN ENCOURAGINGLY

## Western Union Defence

### CONFERENCE AT BRUSSELS

Brussels, Jan. 13.—It was learned tonight that the Defence Ministers of the five Brussels Pact powers—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—will meet in Brussels tomorrow in the Defence Ministry's "War Room."

American and Canadian observers will attend.

The talks will be secret, but it is reliably understood that the discussion will centre around the following points:

1. A review of the Western Union defence schemes as affected by the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

2. Supply of British jet planes to other Union countries, as well as the development of such aircraft in Belgium and Holland.

3. Further standardisation of arms equipment and training methods.

### U.S. AID PLAN

The British Minister of Defence, Mr A. V. Alexander, who is leading his country's delegation of 10, arrived tonight. The French Defence Minister, Paul Ramadier, as well as the Dutch and Luxembourg delegates, are expected to arrive in Brussels early tomorrow.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Mr James Forrestal, U.S. Defence Secretary, announced that President Truman has approved a programme for military aid to the nations of Western Europe.

Mr Forrestal also said that the programme has been approved by the National Security Council, top policy-making body, which coordinates military and foreign policy.

He added that President Truman would make a request to Congress on this subject "shortly."—Reuters.

## Spain Wants Back Islands In Pacific

Madrid, Jan. 13.—It was learned today that the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Martin Artajo, reaffirmed Spain's claim to a group of Pacific Islands—apparently the Carolines—and indicated that Spain would put in her bid when ownership of the islands is decided at a future international conference.

A spokesman for the Ministry said Senor Artajo yesterday told a Cabinet meeting that Spain still laid claim to a certain group of islands in Micronesia—one of three great groups of Pacific islands and atolls.

Micronesia includes the Marianne, Caroline, Marshall and Gilbert groups. The Carolines, North of New Guinea, were discovered by a Portuguese captain in 1527, but were largely explored by Spain's Admiral Francisco Lagano in 1686 and renamed by him in honour of Charles II of Spain.

### TRADING RIGHTS

Spain claimed the group in 1875 and ten years later Pope Leo XIII, arbitrating the dispute between Spain and Germany, gave the islands to Spain but allowed Germany free trading rights. In 1899 Germany paid Spain 25,000,000 pesetas for the group.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was under the 1899 treaty with Germany that Spain granted rights to some of the islands, consisting of three naval stations and four archipelagos. Spain's ownership claims recently have been pushed in press and radio articles, specially sponsored by Emilio Pastor Santonja, leading exponent of friendly ties between Spain and the Philippines.

Political circles interpreted the spokesman's statement as posing evidence that Spain would present her claim at the first opportunity.—United Press.

# Mediator Makes Appeal To Avoid Incidents FIRST OFFICIAL MOVE FOR PALESTINE PEACE

Rhodes, Jan. 13.—Dr Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine Mediator, opened the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks in Rhodes today by appealing to all Governments to avoid incidents which "might jeopardise the constructive progress of the deliberations towards an armistice accord."

He said: "I have in mind not only the Governments involved in these negotiations or in the Palestine conflict but those as well whose interests impel them to keep a close surveillance on developments in the area."

The conference is the first occasion in which Jews and Arabs have met officially to discuss peace. Earlier today, the acting Mediator held preliminary individual conferences with the leaders of the two delegations—Dr Walter Eytan, of Israel, and Colonel Mohammed Ibrahim Seif Ed Dine, of Egypt.

Fresh hopes of a settlement at the Rhodes talks were raised by reports on the eve of the conference that both sides were prepared to make concessions and to recede from their original demands for the whole of the Negev, the south Palestine desert area which is a key issue in the dispute.

Dr Eytan told Reuters that he is "extremely conscious" of the importance of the conference. He said: "We know that the war in Palestine, like all wars, is an evil thing and we will do our utmost to bring it to an end. I hope this will be the first of many talks between ourselves and the Arab States."

The Military Governor of Jerusalem, Dr Bernard Joseph, said that the 90,000 Jews in the new section of the Holy City "will never give up Jerusalem to please the desires of foreign States."

He said Israel would consider internationalising the old section of Jerusalem because "we recognise the special interests of world Christianity and of Islam in their holy places."

In Kyrenia, Cyprus, a Royal Air Force spokesman could neither confirm nor deny a Greek newspaper report that a squadron of RAF jet fighters was shortly expected at Nicosia.

In Tel-Aviv, an Israeli spokesman said today that the demobilisation of the Israeli Army had started and would increase in scope and numbers almost immediately.

The spokesman said: "While Britain appears to be mobilising her forces in the Middle East, Israel is demobilising. He described the demobilisation as an excellent example of Israel's confidence in the present situation and hoped for a successful conclusion of the armistice talks with the Egyptians on the island of Rhodes."

In New York, the chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Dr Hillel Silver, announced today that the Council has called a special emergency conference of Jewish leaders for next Tuesday to discuss the "current British preparations for military intervention against Israel."—Reuters.

### FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT

London, Jan. 13.—A Foreign Office spokesman reaffirmed tonight that the account of the Anglo-American discussions on Jewish incursions into Egypt, issued earlier in the day by the Foreign Office, was accurate.

This reaffirmation followed the denial in Washington by the State Department spokesman, Mr Michael McDermott, that the United States Government had requested Britain to investigate Jewish troops' movements on the Egyptian side of the Palestine frontier.

The Foreign Office statement had said that both the British and United States diplomats, in discussions at the State Department, had recognised the need for investigation of the position in the Sinai peninsula as the Israeli authorities had refused access to United Nations observers.

Reliable diplomatic sources in London said today that the recent British air reconnaissance flights over the Sinai peninsula district of Egypt, in the course of which five Royal Air Force planes were shot down by Israeli forces, were undertaken with the knowledge and approval of the United States Government.

### U.S. KNEW OF FLIGHTS

The Foreign Office statement issued today said "Britain undertook the flights on her own responsibility as 'precise information as to the fact and extent of the Israeli incursion into Egypt' was unobtainable from the United Nations, whose observers had been excluded from the area."

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain was satisfied with Dr Bunche's assurance that all Israeli forces had now been withdrawn from Egyptian territory.

Diplomatic sources said tonight that the Foreign Office statement did not claim that the United States had requested Britain to undertake the reconnaissance. At the same time, British quarters considered that the facts clearly showed that the United States knew that the British investigations were taking place and encouraged the British Government to supply information.

It was believed in diplomatic quarters here that Mr Oliver Franks would have made it clear to President Truman that Mr Ernest Bevin would be forced to inform the British public of the extent to which American policy had supported and encouraged the recent British investigations into the military situation near the Egyptian-Palestine border.—Reuters.

### RELATIONS NOT HURT

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Truman today denied that the Palestine crisis had hurt relations between the United States and Britain, and said there had been no change in the United States foreign policy in the Middle East.

The President was asked at the press conference about the 30-minute conference he had earlier with the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks. Informed sources said the Ambassador had asked Mr Truman to get behind the Anglo-American peace drive in Palestine. Mr Truman said he had no statement to make on the meeting and referred all questions to the statement made in November by Dr Philip Jessup, then acting head of the American delegation to the United Nations. Mr Truman said Dr Jessup's statement still covered the situation.

Dr Jessup said then that it was the desire of the United States to maintain "historic ties of friendship" with all peoples of the Middle East and "to see them reconcile their differences, either by direct discussions among themselves or through some assistance from the United Nations."—(Continued on Page 5)

### EDITORIAL

## New Immigration Bill

To these members of the general public who passionately believe that full-blooded immigration restrictions are essential to the future welfare and security of the Colony, the Ordinance which was given its first reading at Legislative Council on Wednesday will offer opportunity for cynical smiles, and even infatuation. In content, the new legislation gives the powers for the limitation of entry into Hongkong; in application, it would not appear to go beyond the restrictions already in force. Immigration into the Colony is essentially associated with Chinese, but it was made very clear by the Attorney-General on Wednesday that the exemption from provisions of the Ordinance, which resides within the power of the Governor in Council, are to be applied to Chinese. Which, from the point of view of immigration, leaves us roughly where we were before. It is a pity that while interpretation and meaning of the new Bill was being discussed by the Attorney-General he was not, at the same time, empowered to disclose precisely the intention of the legislation. It can only be assumed; and the assumption is that if, and until, there is threatened a deluge of civil war evacuees from the mainland into Hongkong, policy is to disclose that any Chinese, Hongkong-born or otherwise, is free to come and leave at will. And in general this is, perhaps, a fair enough policy; except that it overlooks (or seemingly does) the danger of insidious immigration, i.e. the gradual but persistent arrival of

safety-seekers from the interior, whose numbers per day are not sufficient to justify application of the stringent restrictions embodied within the new legislation, but whose total, over some considerable period, increases the economic, health and accommodation problems already existent. The explanation given by the Attorney-General invests the new Ordinance with all the semblance of emergency legislation, which, if it is intended to be such, might better have been placed in that category. As it is the Immigration Control Ordinance of 1949 leaves the impression that it is designed to place restrictions on the few, while the many go uncontrolled. Just what it will achieve is impossible to assess at this time. The suggestion was contained in the Attorney-General's explanation that administrative arrangements for the implementation of the Ordinance are being put in hand and when they are complete, the necessary proclamation invoking the legislation will be made. But in this we may be guilty of misinterpreting official policy and of presenting Government intentions in much less subtle light than we should. But it is fair to observe that the Ordinance as it stands is but a blueprint and that its merits or demerits can be properly discussed only when the legislation is put into effect. Wherefore, argument for or against it at this moment is largely academic, and the final verdict on it must await the day when the Ordinance is invoked—which, it is to be trusted, will not come until it is felt necessary to apply all its provisions without any exemptions.



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### Pale-Blue Felt and Maribou



By PRUNELLA WOOD

**PALE BLUE** is a lovely colour for complexions and for furs, a colour which is just as dramatic looking as white for hats in the winter time, and a good deal more novel as a choice. The widely draped velours model, left above, is really an ice blue shade; the half-hat and muff, right, are of fairly vivid aquamarine blue.

Above, a half hat which leaves crown and back of head uncovered, is made of fluffy aqua blue maribou feathers, and trimmed with dark brown velvet bow. Muff to match.

### FLYNN'S DOING RIN TIN TIN'S ROLE

By PATRICIA GLARY

**HOLLYWOOD**—It used to be that Rin Tin Tin jumped through the window to save the heroine. Now, a director says, Errol Flynn's doing it.

Ray Enright, who broke into movie directing in 1912 by urging Rin Tin Tin over the window ledge, now is doing the same thing with Flynn.

Long since graduated from the canine school of acting, Enright is currently putting Flynn through the romantic paces of "Montana" at Warner Bros.

#### Still Likes Animals

The director still believes in animal stars. "Sure, Flynn's a big hit," he said. "But so is Lassie."

He is sure the time will never come when animals are not important to both picture-goers and picture-makers. "Look at 'Montana,' for instance," he said. "We've got Flynn and Miss Smith. And we've also got 3,000 sheep, 43 goats, two collie dogs, seven sheep dogs, a mule and enough horses to keep Santa Anita busy all next season."

"What a picture this would have been for Rin Tin Tin!"

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### A NEW VACCINE THAT MAY HELP TO FIGHT TB

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

**IN** spite of the fact that we know its cause and have better methods of treatment than ever before in history, tuberculosis still continues to be one of our important health problems and contributes much tragedy to the home.

For years, scientists have dreamed of producing increased resistance to the germs which cause this disease by means of vaccination. If this could be done, they reasoned, exposure to the germs would be less dangerous. Young infants, particularly, susceptible to the disease, could be protected during this early, hazardous period even though they lived in crowded quarters where tuberculosis germs abound. It would also be of value among young adults, such as doctors and nurses, who are repeatedly exposed to germs by reason of their occupation.

To be useful, of course, the vaccination would have to be given before tuberculosis infection was actually acquired, for there is no evidence that any vaccine, however powerful, would alter the course of a disease which is already present.

#### A Step Forward

This was the dream and, in 1906, a couple of French scientists took the first step forward toward realizing it. Thirteen years later a vaccine, called BCG, made from tuberculosis germs obtained from cows, was developed. The germs used were so treated as to be weakened but not killed.

But, in science, the gap between a dream and its complete realization is long and it was not until recently that the vaccine was used in the United States, and then only to a limited extent. It is given by placing a few drops of vaccine on the sterilized skin of the arm, and, with a sharp needle, a number of skin punctures are made through the vaccine, just as are made with smallpox vaccine. A small lump develops at the point of each puncture. After about a month, this lump disappears without causing any discomfort.

A number of studies have been made in the United States to determine just how effective the BCG vaccine may be. In general, they seem to show a reduction in the amount of tuberculosis infection in vaccinated groups.

However, it would appear that a great deal more work is necessary to determine just how much protection is given by the BCG vaccine, how long it lasts, and just what plan of vaccination would best produce and maintain the protection. It is stated that such a study may require a period of at least twenty years.

#### No Troublesome Reactions

At present, it would seem that it can be generally accepted that BCG vaccine is safe and will not cause any troublesome reactions if it is properly given. It also appears to give some protection against tuberculosis throughout a period of about six years, which is the length of time for which vaccinated groups have been carefully observed.

As with any type of vaccine, the protection produced by the BCG vaccine is only relative, that is, if a person breathes in enough of the virulent type of tuberculosis germs, whatever protection he has from the vaccine may be overcome.

In any event, BCG is not a substitute for the known methods of preventing tuberculosis, but in some future time it may be found helpful as a supplement to these.

### TWEED COATS ARE POPULAR



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

**IMPORTED IRISH** tweed makes the coat of this handsome and practical ensemble. Multi-coloured flecks brighten the green background colour of the coat. The fitted waistline offers a pleasant change from the loose swinging line that has obtained prominence for so long. The shoulders are gently rounded, the front is double breasted below a classic collar and revers. One inverted box pleat is released from the back centre seam. Worn with it is a dress in pale green sheer wool crepe. Slot seaming is used to define the skirt gores.

### Make Good Posture a Habit



Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures  
When sitting assume a relaxed position, advise Jacqueline White, of the movies, and your back will never tire.

By HELEN FOLLETT

**GOOD** posture begins in the mind. If a woman has a keen desire to look smart and snappy, she will carry her body beautifully. If she doesn't care about appearance her movements will lack grace.

In posture, as in other things, good habits are the key to success. It is important to stand, walk and sit correctly. Although many teenagers go through their calisthenics regularly in school, they lose stance and perfection of carriage at other times. Teachers of physical education get pretty discouraged. They report that the effect of gym lessons is more pronounced among boys than girls. Boys have more pride in their figures, are intent on developing broad shoulders and full chests. When sitting, sit far back in the chair so your back is supported. Keep the spine tall, head and upper body balanced. Place the soles of your shoes on the floor, feet close together. The pose of the feet is important if one would appear well. When driving a car don't hunch forward with shoulders rounded.

When sitting at a desk, writing, bend forward from the hips, not from the waistline. The hips are natural hinges; you should use them.

When reading at a sofa or bed, be sure that the back is properly supported. A sagging back throws muscles out of kilter, has a deplorable effect upon the feminine figure.

There are special rules for the lady boss of the domestic works. If she must carry a heavy object she must not lean too far to one side. Lifting something from the floor is done with less effort if she bends her knees, takes a semi-squatting position, keeps the torso erect. The usual way is to bend over, straining the back muscles.

When ironing, cooking or dish washing the weight should be on both feet, body balance perfect. This means less fatigue when the day's job is done, the kids are tucked in bed and there is the prospect of a pleasant evening.

**Let's Eat**  
BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### Buying and Storing Poultry

**THERE'S** one point many home-makers don't know: chicken and poultry should always be unwrapped before storing in the refrigerator. And if possible a little crushed ice should be put over them. Otherwise dark spots may develop in the skin because it gets too dry. An interesting thing that is happening now in the poultry business, is the breeding of birds with fuller breasts; that is, more meat in proportion to bones. In buying poultry, a good plump bird always proves the most economical, said the chef. "The usual rule in buying poultry is to be served roasted, is ¾ lb. for each serving, undressed weight," I said. "That's the right amount with an ordinary bird," he said. "But it's different with the specially bred small-boned full breasted turkeys now on the market. For instance, only recently, we witnessed a 17½ lb. plump raw turkey before roasting, it yielded 7¼ lb. sliced meat, with no bone or skin, enough for about 30 portions. Fill it with the wife's favourite giblet stuffing and the meat will go a third as far again."

Just as I was about to ask how this stuffing was made, the door opened, and in came a slender, smartly dressed woman. "Hello Edna," the poultryman said. "We have some visitors, and they'd like to know how you make giblet dressing for turkey and chicken."

#### Meaty Stuffing

"We like a dry meaty stuffing," she said, "so first I simmer the hearts and gizzards till tender, three sets for each chicken. Meanwhile I saute the livers in a little poultry fat. Then I put all the giblets through the food chopper and combine them with 2 cups ground dry bread crumbs. For seasoning I add 2 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. savoury. I never use sage, it's too heavy a herb for poultry."

And you add no moisture whatever," I inquired. "The moisture in the ground giblets provides enough," she explained. "And by the way, for stuffing turkey I use a pound of giblets and 6 cups crumbs."

"My wife is secretary and treasurer of this firm," said Mr. McInerney proudly. "Yet she's found time to rear our family of seven children besides helping out here and carrying on a business of her own. We all enjoy working. We consider that doing work you like is really fun."

Just then the telephone rang. "Short of help at the chicken counter of the 5 and 10?" our friend said. "You need a meat-cutter and two people on the counter? Emergency," he explained. "We've just opened a cut-up chicken concession at the 5 and 10 and it's jam full."

#### Giblet Risotto

Wash 2 sets or ¾ lb. giblets; simmer 1 hr. in salted boiling water to cover and chop them fine. This should be done in advance. To make the risotto, peel and slice 1 medium-sized onion, and slow-fry in 3 tsp. salad oil. Add 2 tsp. butter or margarine, when melted, stir in 1½ c. dry white or converted rice. Slow-fry until the rice is yellowed, stirring constantly. Add any liquid drained from the giblets plus enough soup stock (or water and bouillon cubes), to make 3 c. Bring to a boil. Cover and cook slowly until the rice is tender, about 35 min. Stir in the giblets with a fork when nearly done. Serve plain or with garnish of creamed chicken.

#### Trick Of The Chef

Save the skin of the chicken, cut in inch squares, fry and use as a garnish to creamed chicken.



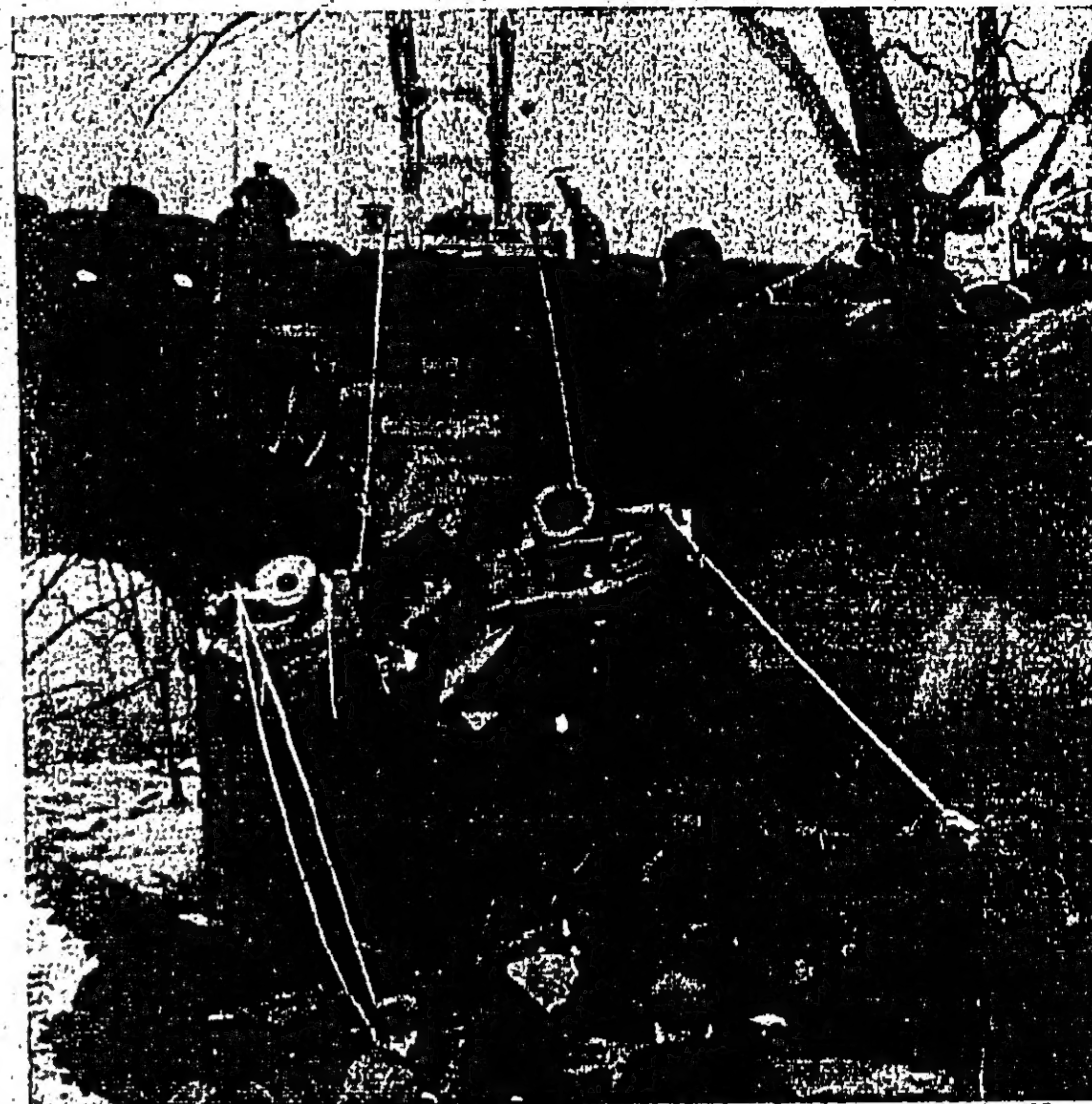
# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**RELIGIOUS RITE**—The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph F. Flannelly lies prostrate on the altar during his consecration as Titular Bishop of Metella and Auxiliary Bishop of New York. Presiding at the solemn ceremony of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City is Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, wearing mitre.



**PARTY SPICE**—Patrice Munsel chooses a cinnamon and black two-piece affair for party wear in New York. The pure silk taffeta skirt is topped by a fitted velveteen peplum blouse flared with bustle.



**SALVAGE JOB**—Emergency squad police, who had to use sledge hammers to extricate the two victims, raise a car which plunged off a 40-foot embankment on Central Park's West Drive in New York. The car landed on its roof, seriously injuring the two occupants.



**ROYAL NURSE**—Another picture of the Royal baby. Prince Charles of Edinburgh rests peacefully in the arms of his nurse, Helen Maude Rowe, who attended Princess Elizabeth at the birth.



**NEW STADIUM IN RIO DE JANEIRO**—These stands are being erected for the gigantic new sports stadium scheduled for use in Rio de Janeiro by 1950. Facilities will be provided for American football, soccer, track events and many other sports.



**WHAT PRICE BEAUTY**—Actress Gregg Sherwood, though smiling, is disappointed. Beauty is hampering her career. She wants to act but producers give her parts which require her only to look pretty.



**SOMETHING IS WRONG**—Valley Beau, a boxer, looks uncomfortable as his friend Paul Terry hits a high pitch on the vocal cords on the arrival of the liner America in New York. Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Oliver Terry of Onida, Tennessee, a GI and French bride married in Metz, France, Paul is 15 months old.

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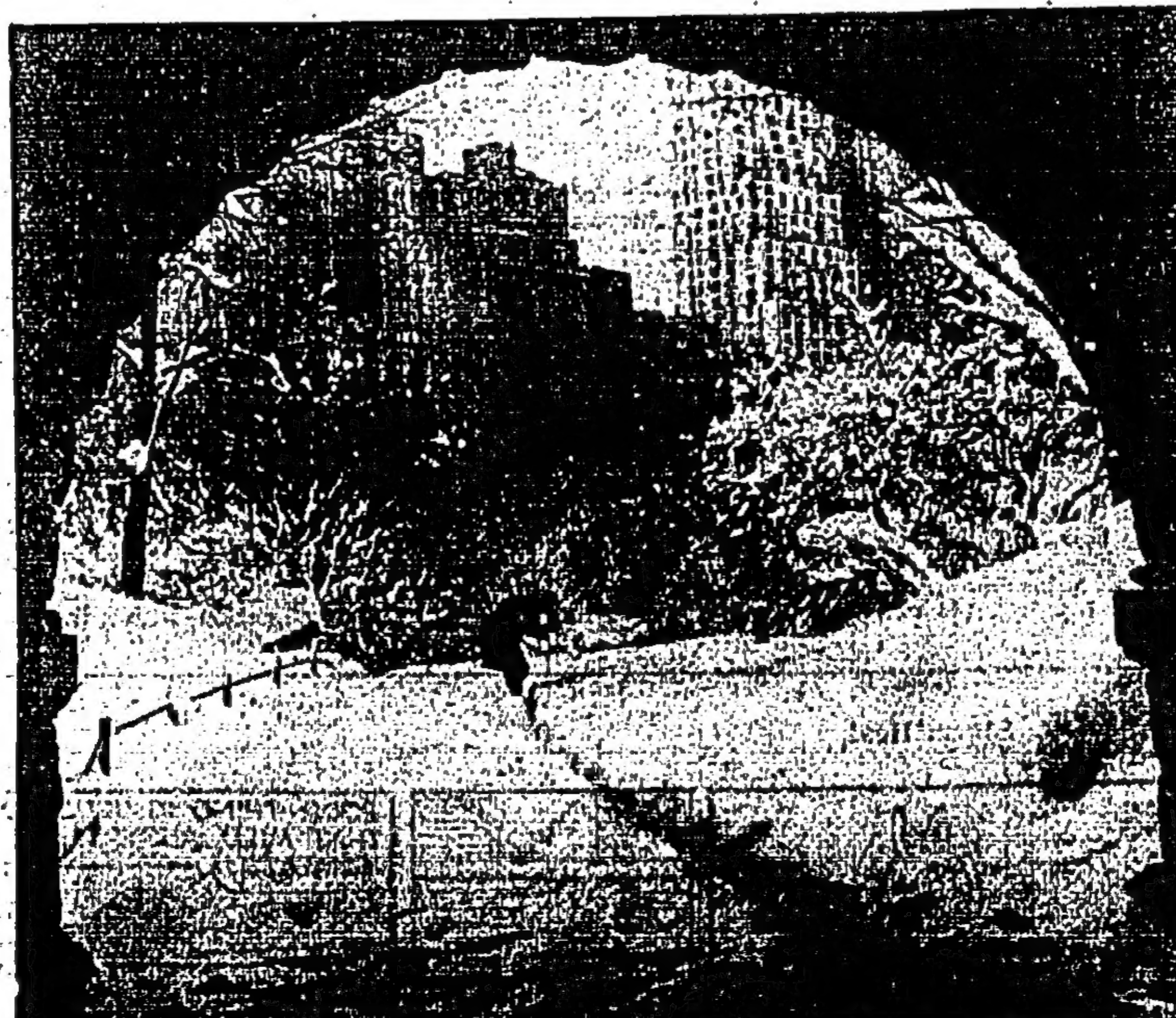
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Inscription: For Kay Summersby, with my thanks and very warm regards—  
Franklin D. Roosevelt—  
June 6, 1944

ON the afternoon of November 20, our welcoming party assembled at the El Aouina airstrip. There was the usual waiting period; then, when we heard the nearing sound of engines, every neck stretched upward as five C-54's circled the field.

One cut in for a straight, swift landing. We all strained for a first glimpse of President Roosevelt, but it turned out to be General Marshall. Apparently the Secret Service was taking no chances on enemy fighters knocking off the Number One plane and their Number One boss. Tex, with new lieutenant-colonel leaves on his shoulders, bundled the general into a waiting car. The other four planes landed one right after another; two began unloading passengers and a third seemed to be an empty "spare." The Number Two plane taxied to our end of the field, and stopped. Several men rolled up a ramp. I drove my Cadillac over beside the plane and waited.

"Hey, there!" A burning Irish face appeared at my window, distorted with anger. I recognised Mike Reilly, the Secret Service chief who had been very much in evidence at Amlicar. "You're not expecting to drive the President, are you, lady?" he yelled.

"I certainly am. I'm General Eisenhower's driver and he instructed me to drive him and the President to the villa."

"But you can't!"

"And why not?"

### The Only Man

HE was on the verge of apoplexy. "No woman ever drives the President!" he shouted, thumping on the door. "No woman ever has—or ever will, as long as I'm boss here. Certainly no Limey woman!"

Just as I started to elaborate on my own Irish background, with some very Irish temper, he ran towards the plane. I looked over and saw General Eisenhower standing on the ground. In the doorway was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

His personality positively crackled, without as much as a word. That famous smile magnified every eye. Even General Eisenhower, usually prominent in the foreground, seemed to fade away with the others into a gray backdrop when permitted the spotlight to shine on only one person. To every person standing there, President Roosevelt was the only man on the airstrip.

But the show lost upon me, as I spotted Tex leaving General Marshall's car and heading in my direction, followed by a sergeant. "It's all right, Kay," he whispered, reaching my car. "We'll stratagem out this mess afterwards. I hate to ask you, but will you show this man how to handle your Cadillac?"

Seething with insubordination and loss of face, I jerked the new-type

gears and gave the embarrassed sergeant instructions how to run my car. Then I hurried away and climbed into another limousine, positive that everyone there, including the President of the United States, was laughing at the entire mix-up.

But the comedy had just begun. A Secret Service man came over as they put the President into my Cadillac and asked me to come back to drive the big car. As I climbed into the front seat, Mike Reilly's florid face reappeared. "It's all right, lady," he whispered. "You can't drive—the sergeant will take over from here!"

Going back to the other car, my heels threatened to shatter the runway.

Butch walked up and stuck his head in the window. "Don't worry about it, Kay. We'll fix everything when we get to the villa. It's just one of those things." He motioned to his companions, Admiral King, and Mr. Hopkins, whom I had met previously in Algiers. "How's about going in this car?" he yelled to them.

### Introduced

SPEEDING blindly, I gave those three a ride they'll never forget, back to Algiers, through the city, and up the hill.

The guard around General Eisenhower's White House, now a temporary but very literal White House, looked as though the American Army expected the Germans' return to Tunisia any moment. My passengers got out and disappeared inside. Mike Reilly rushed over and said patronisingly, "It's okay for you to get back in your own car now. They've gone in the house."

I looked straight ahead and replied coldly: "I'll stay right here until I get further orders from my Boss. And no big gimp of an Irishman's going to move me! He stared for a moment, lips set, then walked away.

"Miss Summersby?" It was an officer from the official party. "The President has asked to meet you," he smiled, beckoning me to follow.

Glancing in the rear-view mirror to check a shiny nose, I trailed along into the villa. The noisy group of men in the front room were little more than a blur; I was worried about leaving my hat on.

I walked into the library. General Eisenhower, who nodded encouragingly, stood by the fireplace. President Roosevelt sat by the window, half-hidden by his two sons, Elliot and Franklin, acquaintances from my London days. Admiral Leany stopped talking as the General moved over and said: "Mr. President, this is Miss Kay Summersby, the British girl you asked about."

### Maddening Blush

SHAKING hands, I immediately lost all trace of nervousness. Mr Roosevelt's grip was friendly, his smile warm.

"I've heard quite a bit about you," he said. "Why didn't you drive me from the plane? I'd been looking forward to it."

From some deep storehouse of the past, I produced a maidenly but maddening blush. "Mr President, your Secret Service wouldn't let me drive!"

They all laughed.

Mr Roosevelt looked up. "Would you like to drive me from now on?"

"It would be a privilege, Sir."

"Very well. You shall drive me then. I'm going on an inspection trip soon."

He turned to the lovely view out the window, which framed the Bay of Tunis—and the Bonn peninsula beyond, and began talking of how he

wished there were time to spend weeks in Tunisia, away from official worries, just resting.

I recognised a kind dismissal and took my leave.

Mike Reilly was bouncing around the driveway. I called him over this time. "I've just been presented to the President."

"Heard you were," he grunted. "And no matter what you say," I added spitefully, "the President himself has asked me to drive him."

With good Irish honour, Mike surrendered. We agreed to bury the hatchet, as we'd be working together.

### To La Marsa

SHORTLY afterwards, the President reappeared. They lifted him into the car with a quick efficiency which made the gesture seem wholly natural. His difficulty was ignored by common consent. . . . It simply didn't exist.

"I'd like to go over and inspect Elliott's outfit," he told me. "It's quite near, I understand."

We drove to La Marsa, a short ten minutes away, where he transferred to a jeep and rode along the lines of surprised and proud soldiers of Elliott's photo reconnaissance unit. We were back at Amlicar before sundown.

As the President went inside for a rest in General Eisenhower's bedroom, I started to leave for mess. Franklin came dashing out, however. "Just a minute, Kay," he grinned. "General Eisenhower says he's ready to leave—and, incidentally, you're invited to dinner here tonight."

Outrunk from his own quarters and far from a mood for office work, the General asked me to drive over to another nearby villa to visit Harry Hopkins. The latter and Butch immediately proposed a few rubbers of bridge, a welcome suggestion to ease the day's tension. When serving as dummy, I spent the time staring at Harry Hopkins, wondering just how he remained alive; clothes hung on his tall, frail frame as though it were a grey clothes-hanger. General Ike and I won.

### Informal Dinner

WE were a trifle late for dinner, but the occasion—couldn't have been more informal. The absence of General Marshall, Admiral King, even Butch, emphasised this was a dinner, not a dinner party. President Roosevelt and his sons joked as talked as easily and naturally as fathers and sons anywhere. In the daughter, and I comprised the female guests. "Pa" Watson, the Presidential aide, was a delightful companion, fatherly and gently chiding about my initial clash with Mike Reilly.

Sitting only one place away from Mr Roosevelt, who naturally headed the table, I was exposed to the famed FDR charm. But I had to admit it was just that, pure charm: he had it on full, with all stops out.

After discussing plans for a battle-field tour upon which the President insisted as part of his visit before proceeding to Cairo, the party broke up. It was only 10.30 but the guests of honour obviously were fatigued by the long day, which had begun aboard a battleship in Oran, continued through a plane flight to Tunisia, included a troop inspection and a shop talk with General Ike, and concluded with a lengthy dinner. He needed rest. Bidding the others goodnight, he turned to me and spoke in a tone I hadn't heard since childhood: "See you tomorrow, child."

Elliot and Franklin stepped up as I moved away to drive General Eisenhower back to the Hopkins villa. "Come on, back, Kay," Franklin whispered. Elliot nodded: "We're having a little party tonight and it might take your mind off things."

By the time I returned to the White House, leaving the General to a session with the indefatigable

Hopkins, that party was in full swing. The President must be a very sound sleeper, as well as a very tolerant father, I thought, stopping into a room as noisy, smoky, and hot as any night club.

When General Eisenhower and I drove up to the White House next morning—a Sunday—we both stiffened in astonishment. The conveyer for our quickie tour of the battle-fields was practically an armoured column. There were at least 20 vehicles, including two truckloads of MPs armed to the teeth, armoured cars, half-tracks, jeeps, weapons carriers—and a grim-faced Mike up front in a radio car, with an expression which revealed a life-long ambition to head an army into battle.

With President Roosevelt in the Cadillac, smiling at the Reilly brigade, we started off. Telek barked happily in the front seat. I looked forward to the idea of a picnic, which the President had suggested.

The lead radio car led our brilliant convoy slowly over the Tunisian countryside. I relaxed and listened to the talk in the back seat. It revolved around the late battles, the terrain, difficulties encountered, and some of the command personalities.

### Picnic Lunch

THE President remarked that no one remembers the Chief of Staff after a war; fame comes only to combat leaders. "I am determined," he said, "that General Marshall shall not be forgotten after this war."

Suddenly, he pointed to a rare grove of trees and remarked: "That's an awfully nice place. Could you pull up there, child, for our little picnic?"

Nothing could have pleased me more. Mike, I knew, had already selected a special spot farther along the road; it was perfect for this fence. He would be furious at this change of plans. So turned off the highway quickly, followed obediently and unquestioningly by all the vehicles behind us. Those in front continued merrily on their way.

By the time we pulled into the wood, Mike had discovered the loss of half of his convoy and came racing up in wild temper. He couldn't say much to his Boss, however, and, instead, busied himself setting up an impenetrable cordon of guards. They were posted in a wide circle, their backs to us, only a few feet apart, weapons at the alert. In this military, bellicose atmosphere, my passengers started their picnic.

"Child," the President said as I got out of the car to join the other drivers, "won't you come back here and have lunch with a dull old man?"

### Page From Fiction

STARTLED but pleased, I climbed back and sat down beside him. General Eisenhower remained outside to hand us in delicious chicken sandwiches prepared by Sergeant Hunt. Coffee was the only other item on the sparse menu as the General was afraid to let lettuce or other green vegetables to the President in this disease-ridden climate.

The picnic ended, we took the President on a fast tour of areas where great battles had been fought. Then we headed home. He left for Cairo shortly before 11 p.m. Lying awake in bed that night, I gradually realised what an unusual week end it had been for an ordinary Army driver—a British girl at that—to be presented to the President and to participate in his social life. In fact, the past day alone had been a page straight from "Lanny Budd" fiction—sitting in the back seat of a limousine parked on Tunisian battlefields, surrounded by armed guards and the Secret Service, served sandwiches by a four-star general named Eisenhower, enjoying a picnic lunch beside the President of the United States!

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## POCKET CARTOON



## THE RUSSIAN WINDOW

A glimpse into the Russian mind, assembled by Peter Burchett from Moscow-circulated news in the Soviet sector of Berlin. BERLIN.

THE Soviet restaurant Intourist is the best and most class-conscious restaurant in Berlin. It is the only one, except for officers' clubs, where the waiters are immaculately dressed in tails. The only one, except for officers' clubs, where snow-white table napkins are provided.

A few days ago two innovations were made at Intourist. Foreigners were moved upstairs to eat on the same floor—though partitioned off—as Russians. Downstairs, a tribute to the value of the new German mark.

A new exchange rate of \$3.20 instead of \$4 to the pound was introduced, making meals more expensive for pound-holding guests, as all prices are calculated in dollars. And food coming from Russia, such as smoked salmon and caviar, can now only be eaten for dollars.

Until recently Intourist catered for two types of guests, Russian officers paying in marks upstairs, foreigners paying in dollars, pounds, Swiss francs, and Swedish kronor downstairs. There one could eat caviar from Astrakhan washed down with Leningrad vodka or good Crimean wine at modest prices.

The Western occupying Powers forbid anyone to take pounds, dollars, and other foreign money into Germany—they must be changed into occupation currency at the border. But Intourist is always well patronised.

CONTACT with capitalists has its influence on advertising.

"FROM now on the Tagliche Rundschau will carry an advertisement section. For space rates apply to . . ." This announcement in the official Soviet Army newspaper in Berlin is staggering. For 3½ years now this newspaper has held up as a bad example the capitalist Press in Berlin because it published advertisements.

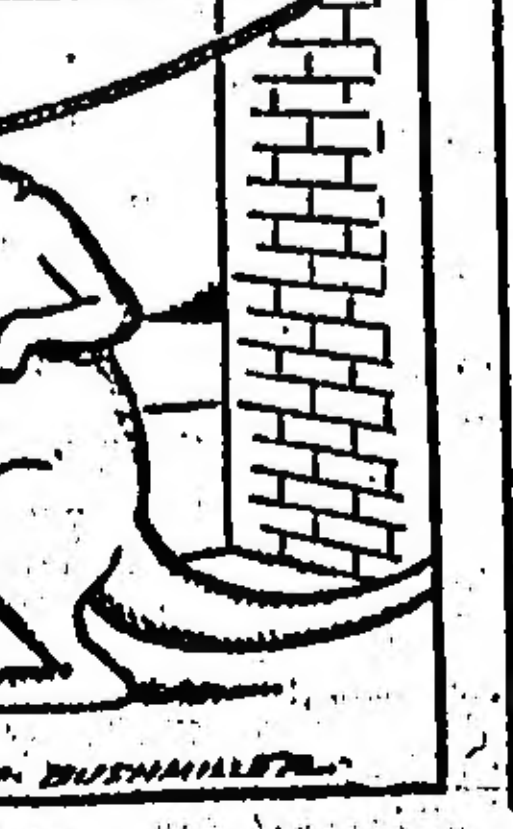
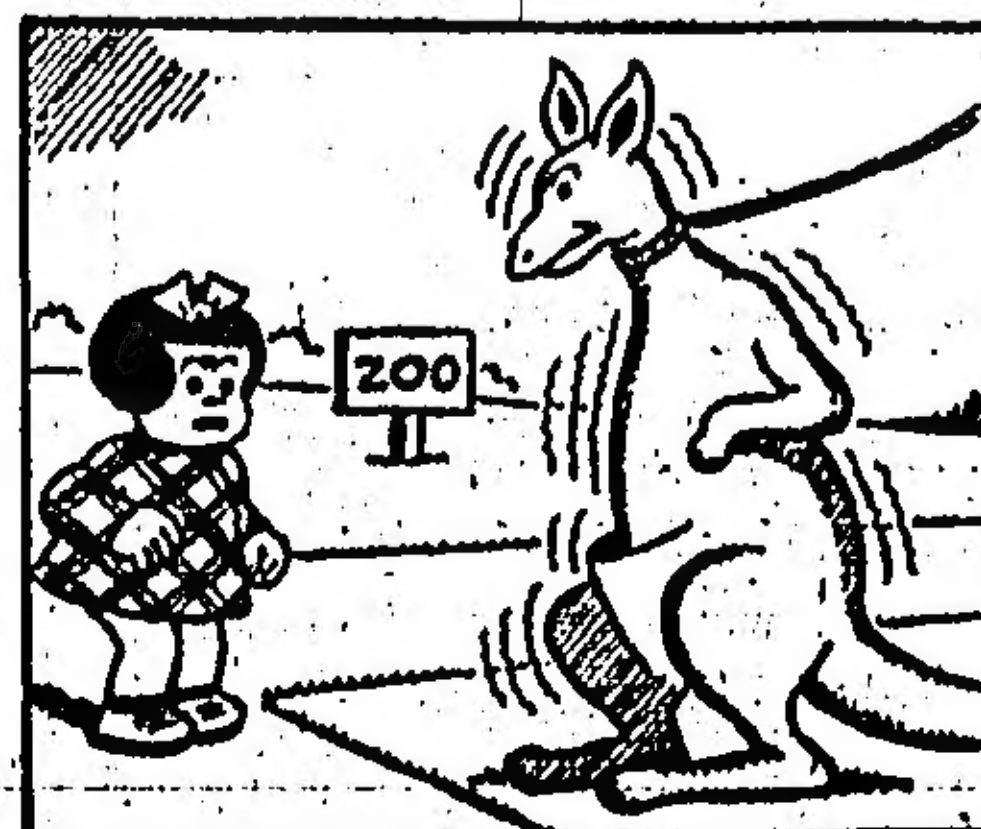
According to Communist theory, newspapers should not sell space for advertisements, because the advertisers try to buy the policy of the paper with their gold. Papers in the Soviet Union do not carry advertisements.

Letter to the editor of the magazine Krokodil.

DEAR Krokodil. How are your nerves? If they are good then it is due only to the fact that you did not take a rest. I have just been treated there. My nerves were bad when I arrived, but not as bad as when I left. Alongside the sanatorium, separated from it by only a thin wall, is a cafe-restaurant where visitors sit and dance from early morning until late at night.

That is why invalids with bad nerves sit in their soothing baths with nuxes in their ears. I left the sanatorium long before my time was up. I wanted to cure my nerves, but no nerves could stand up to such a cure.

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# SCORPIONS WILL BE HARD TO BEAT

Recreio meet the Scorpions at Chater Road tomorrow in the match of the League Cricket season. Neither team has left any stone unturned toward putting out its most select assortment of cricketers and there isn't any other League match tomorrow, with the possible exception of Army v. University at Sookunpoo, that can serve as a sufficient counter-attraction for the follower of local cricket.

The Scorpions are all complete with their bowlers. Even their two "stars," Clague and Pearce, who lead the bowling averages, are turning out and will very probably be required before the afternoon is over.

Recreio, for the first time this season, leads now both the team batting and bowling averages, supplanting Army in the latter after a keen struggle through the first half of the season.

Yet Recreio will not face tomorrow's match with any great degree of confidence. The Scorpions will be stronger in both batting and bowling than they were against University last Saturday.

There are seven strong bats in the team and five respectable bowlers. If the worse comes to the worst against "Spotty" Pearce and Dr. Gosano, there is always the saving factor of one or two batsmen standing up to the Recreio attack, as did Frank Howarth in the first match between the two teams at King's Park.

Recreio had then won by 14 runs, being largely saved by the fact that Dr. Gosano had kept his end of the wicket for 70 while the rest of the all-star batting collapsed. Recreio will put into the attack tomorrow Dr. H. L. Orazio, one of the Colony's best spin bowlers. Also back in the team is E. M. L. Soares, another old First Division standby.

The addition of the noted "Oso" should give Recreio the strongest bowling side in the league for their remaining matches of the season.

Predictions on the outcome of tomorrow's Chater Road match can only be wild. Anything can happen. There may be two centuries or both sides may be out under three figures.

## TEST FOR THE ARMY

Tomorrow's match at Sookunpoo will be more a test for the Army than for University. On paper, despite J. M. Gosano and the crackcrack University fielding the Army, with one more good bowler in the side, should win.

## Governor's Cup Teams Selected

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.F.A. against the Chinese Federation in the Governor's Cup, second match, to be played on Sunday, at Caroline Hill ground at 3.30 p.m.:

Leck (St. Joseph's); Hughes (Army); Tozer (Navy); Weatherall (Army); Craighead (Army) (Capt); Santos (St. Joseph's); Clague (St. Joseph's); Mullen (Club); Koon (Army); Kierman (Club); Ramskill (Army).

Reserves—Bartram (RAF); Soutar (RAF); Forrow (Club); Marsden (Army); Weller (Club); Team Manager, Capt. H. J. Chinnell.

Trainer, Eric Keen. Players and reserves are requested to report to their Team Manager in the dressing room at 2.45 p.m. Jerseys, etc., will be supplied by the Association.

## FEDERATION TEAM

The following will represent the Federation:

Yue Yiu-tak (SCAA); Hau Yung-sang (SCAA); Tse Kam-hung (SCAA); Tang Sum (KMB); Kwok Ying-kee (Kilchee); Lau Chung-nam (SCAA); Ho Yung-fun (SCAA); Hung Hing-uk (KMB); Tang Yee-kit (KMB); Chan Kam-hoi (SCAA); Tse Kam-ho (SCAA).

Reserves—Tam Kwan-kon (KMB); Tam Chun-fai (KMB); Lee Ping-chiu (Kilchee); Chan Kam-plu (CAA); Mau Chung-wing (CAA); Hung Hing-uk (KMB); Tang Yee-kit (CAA).

Jerseys, etc., will be supplied by the Federation. Reference will be W. Gaffney and the linesmen A. F. Willis and J. G. Padley.

## Interport Rugger

World has been received that a Shanghai Interport rugger side is expected to come down in February and it is hoped to play the Interport game on Saturday, February 19.

If time permits, the Shanghai side will also turn out, probably on the following Monday, against a Combined Services XV.

The following week should see the arrival of a United Services XV from Malaya to play a series of games. At present the arrangements are that they will meet the Army and a Hongkong United Services XV and have a final game against the Colony.

This is good news for the Colonies Rugger enthusiasts and should go a long way to making the game even more popular than it has become this season.

Consequent upon these visits, the Season's fixtures are amended as follows:

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Army	4	3	1	0	11
H.N.	4	1	3	0	5
R.A.P.	4	0	4	0	0

NO FOOTLIGHTS!



This is not part of an outdoor show, but Dolores Gray, American actress appearing in London, seems to be putting on a good performance.

In an actors-versus-musicians soccer match, the boys persuaded Dolores to start things off with the opening kick-off. Intently watching at left is band leader Duncan Whyte.

## Bidding Flares Up For Wilf Mannion

London, Jan. 13.—The bidding for the services of Wilf Mannion, the Middlesbrough English International inside-left, has flared up again but there is still a great deal of mystery surrounding the pending transfer of this famous player, who, in refusing to re-sign for his club, has not played this season.

The latest club in quest of Mannion's transfer is Aston Villa. Mr. W. J. Smith, Villa's secretary, stated that Mannion had agreed to be transferred to the Villa and that the club, being prepared to pay the record £25,000, had decided to communicate with Middlesbrough.

At that time, it was stated that should Mannion go to Villa, a business career in the Midlands may be arranged for him. He is at present employed by a firm of agricultural implement manufacturers in Oldham.

This was short-lived for the very same evening it is understood that Mannion refused to sign for Aston Villa.

Another source gave the reason for the breakdown of negotiations as being the fact that the Villa were not prepared to pay the fee requested, while yet another said that both Mannion and Aston Villa were agreeable in principle but that Middlesbrough were not keen on such a move.

The reason put forward for this turn of events was that Aston Villa and Middlesbrough are both near the bottom of the First Division table and need points badly.

With Mannion on the side the chances of Villa would be improved perhaps at the chances of Middlesbrough.

Egan said Louis told him he would like to meet the winner of a match between Ezzard Charles and Lee Savold.

Egan made the announcement at a dinner meeting at which lightweight Ike Williams of Trenton, New Jersey, received the Edward J. Neill Award as the man who did the most for boxing in 1948.

The award was named in memory of the former Associated Press war correspondent and boxing writer who was killed in Spain during the Spanish civil war.

Williams defended his title three times last year. He knocked out Jesse Flores and Beau Jack and outpointed Enrique Bolanos.—Associated Press.

## "Sugar Ray" Ready For Belloise

New York, Jan. 13.—The world welterweight champion, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, today notified the Tournament of Champions that he would be ready by mid-February to fulfil the contract to fight Steve Belloise.

The bout was scheduled for December but was postponed when Robinson suffered a rib injury in training.

The National Boxing Association subsequently suspended Robinson as "ill and unavailable," but his doctors now okayed him and he will start training immediately.

Promoters announced that negotiations have begun to set the date and obtain a site for the fight.—United Press.

## New Table Tennis Internationals

London, Jan. 13.—Three new international table tennis events are included in the English table tennis team to play Wales at Swansea on January 15. They are Mrs. J. Crosby, of Exeter, R. Craig, of Middlesex, and R. Crayden, of London.

The other team members are E. J. Filby (Norfolk) and Miss R. Jones (Gloucester).—Reuter.

## ATS Squash Champion

Aldershot, Jan. 13.—Junior Commander D. M. Hancock became the first holder of the ATS squash rackets championship when he defeated Senior Commander P. McDonnell 9-2, 9-3, 9-4 in the final at Aldershot.—Reuter.

LOOKING TO THE VALLEY

By "THE TURF"

## Large Fields & Close Finishes Should Feature Race Week

Large fields and close finishes are assured for this year's Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which opens tomorrow, and will continue through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the final card to be run off on Saturday, January 22. A total of 369 ponies will be out on view, including 136 new griffins, and 233 old ponies of 1947 and 1948.

The most important event of the Annual Carnival is the Hongkong Derby, which has attracted a large entry of 98 ponies and will be run on Tuesday, January 18. On the result of this the Cash Sweep Prize of over \$500,000 will be decided. Among the ponies entered for this classic, the favourites will probably be Homo Bulder, Egyptian Field, Skymaster, Air and Graces and High Speed.

The other classic races are the Pearce Memorial Cup and the Griffins Championship which have as many entries as the Hongkong Derby.

The Trial Plate, which is also an important event, over the Champion course on the first day, will be divided into two groups, with 46 entries in each group. It will be run on the third and ninth race.

The Fochow Cup is over a mile and a half for old ponies and the probable starters are Ataman 159 lbs, Black Market 159 lbs, Fifth Alarm 135 lbs, Fort Knox 141 lbs, Norse Queen 159 lbs, and Vagabond King 153 lbs.

Personally, I doubt that any of these ponies can beat Norse Queen, though the time she made in the Hongkong Derby in 1947 over this distance was 2.47, which was 2.3/5 seconds slower than what Ataman did in 1948.

On the fourth day another interesting event will be the Ladies' Purse. This race was won by Bashful Beauty with Mr. Francis up in 1947 and in the following year by Black Market with Mr. M. M. Boycott up.

This year it remains a question as to who will be the lucky owner and jockey to win this event.

Now we come to the last and an important event, the Hongkong Championship, which will be run off on the last day of the Annual Meeting.

Norse Queen will certainly be the favourite and I don't think any of the other ponies entered in a match for her in this race. Mr. R. Johansson will certainly be a proud owner, for if she wins it will be her third consecutive success in the Champion Stakes.

The programme consists of ten races each day and racegoers are reminded that the first saddling bell for the five days of the Annual Carnival will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will commence at 12.00 noon sharp.

## FIRST RACE

The race opens with a mile event for "Australian" Subscription Ponies of 1949, and a few of the entries have done quite well at their training performances. They are Egyptian Field, Highlight, Poker Face, Shun Fung, and The Alligator. Shun Fung, which did a very good time last week over the mile in 1.57 2/5, should be just about the right bet. Egyptian Field and The Alligator for the places.

## SECOND RACE

In this race for the old Australian Ponies, over a mile and 171 yards, Blue Ribbon, even though shouldering the maximum weight imposed, should win.

This pony put up quite a good performance running second to V-J Day carrying 152 lbs. at the Whitman Race Meeting last year, losing only by a neck in a Class II race, whereas tomorrow it will be up against Class III, Lil Marlene (159 lbs) and Liberation Star (152 lbs) are also to be overlooked. For an outsider, watch out for Desire.

## THIRD RACE

Considerable interest will be centered on this mile and a quarter event, over the championship course for the Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949.

The three best ponies in this race are Airs and Graces, Golden Dahlia and Homo Bulder.

The last named should be well fancied to win this race. A close finish is almost certain.

The other probable starters are Den Wyvis, First Alarm, Highlight, Maniac, Shun Fung, The Alligator, Sparkling Star and Top Hat.

## FOURTH RACE

If Golden Dahlia does not enter the third race, it is sure to run in

this event and a win is almost certain. The next best pony in this race is Ringmer. This mare in her training at the 3/4 mile distance was timed in a good 1.29 with a last quarter of 27-4/5.

Two other ponies that will probably show up well in this race are Easy-going and Thunder Sky. Slayor is a good outside chance.

## FIFTH RACE

Looking over the entries for the third lot of the Australian ponies of 1949, it is not an easy matter to choose the winner, as all are pretty well in the same class.

In my opinion Duchess Delight should win. This mare has put in a good time of 1.59-4/5 with a last quarter of 29-3/5 at this distance.

Flying Knight is also capable of winning for he has been timed at the 3/4 mile distance 30-1/5, 59 and 1.28 (with a last quarter of 29).

The other ponies that can be counted on are Forever Spring, Greenback, Hoppy Farmers, and Rowanglen.

## SIXTH RACE

Norse Queen is the only favourite for the Fochow Cup.

## SEVENTH RACE

Should Skymaster be kept in the second section of the Trial Plate, Maniac will stand a good chance of scoring a win here. This mare has been doing quite well in training. Other possibilities are Araxy, Bright View, Lady Gloucester and Zephyr.

## EIGHTH RACE

I don't think I will be far wrong in nominating Amaranth as the winner in this race for this mare in her last three training gallops over this distance has been timed in between 2.01 and 2.00 with a last quarter of 29.

The main opposition will probably come from Ben Wyvis, Fairy Feet, Southeast Wind and Sparkling Star.

## NINTH RACE

For this second main event of the day, the Trial Plate, I expect to see the following ponies face the starters: Baylight, Egyptian Field, Florella, High Speed, Pay Day and Skymaster.

## Interport Hockey

All hockey fixtures for Sunday have been cancelled and the first Interport Trial will take place instead. The Interport will be against Macao.

The following players are requested to appear on the Navy No. 1 Ground, King's Park at 10.30 a.m. sharp:

Reds—S. N. Ponniah (H.K.U.), G. S. Cannon, (C.S.) and J. B. Ganesha (H.K.U.). Blues—J. H. (H.K.U.), B. B. (H.K.U.), A. M. Alves (H.K.U.), S. A. Fowler (C.S.), D. Chelliah (H.K.U.), E. Fowler (C.S.), R. A. Marques (H.K.U.) and E. Robinson (Army). Whites—Capt. Rogers (Army), Lt. Cdr. Franchise (R.N.) and Q.M.S. W. (Army); Robson (C.S.), W. A. Reed (H.K.U.) and Capt. Monaghan (Army); J. A. Soares (H.K.U.), S. Gosano (H.K.U.), G. Connolly (RAF), Lt. Cdr. Atkin (R.N.) and R. Xavier (C. & W.).

Reserves—Goal-keeper Barreto (C. & W.), Backs, A. Neary (H.K.U.), T. E. Dwyer (C.S.), Halver Lyle, Mathewson (H.K.U.), Lt. Cdr. Byles (H.K.U.), J. Forwards, Maj. Bokenham (Army) and P. Rull (C. & W.).

Umpires—Capt. Chinnell and Xavier. Red Shirts will be supplied on the field and the game to be played forty minutes each way.

No names were submitted by the Police and Dutch Clubs, therefore none of their players are included in the trials. The Khazis Hockey Club is due to play Macao on Sunday afternoon and some of their members will receive a trial on the 22nd inst.

Will Club Secretaries please submit names of their 22nd inst. players who wish to represent England in the International Tournament to Capt. Payne, c/o C.N.P. Office, Hongkong.

## THOMAS CUP FAVOURITES

## Malayan Badminton Stars Impress London

London, Jan. 13.—The Malayan Badminton team, making its first appearance here, beat the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club 6 matches to nil. The Malaysians did not lose a game.

The Malayan team is here to meet the United States in the Thomas Cup competition next month.

The Evening News, commenting on the Malayan Thomas Cup Badminton team's 6-0 victory said that the Pacific zone team "must be regarded as favourites for the trophy." Malaya meets the American zone winner, the United States, in Glasgow on February 20 and 21.

## NOT EXTENDED

The News marvelled that the Malayan team "did not appear to be extended" by Wimbledon, whose team included four English international stars.

"Lithic and agile," added the paper, "the Malaysians—none of whom bothered to remove their sweaters—swept the home players off the court. Their outstanding player was Wong Peng-son whose devastating form

Skymaster, after a good performance in training last week should be well supported to win this classic event, but there will be strong opposition and a close and exciting finish is probable.

## TENTH RACE

In this closing race of the First Day of the Meeting, the Hopeful Stakes, there should be well over a dozen acceptors and anything may happen. Top Hat, Shun Lee and Strathlyn should have an edge over the others as they have shown quite well in their morning training. The others likely to cause an upset are Green Velvet, Lucky Jane, Jet Fire, and Strathlyn.

## JOE DAVIS IS SNOOKERED FOR DOLLARS

London, Jan. 13.—Clutching his famous cue, which he said he was not going to let out of his sight for a moment, Joe Davis, the world's greatest snooker exponent, left London today for a month's tour of Bermuda.

Davis, who was accompanied by his wife, was seen off by a host of friends and well-wishers. "In Bermuda I will play with the Canadian champion, George Chenier, and later will go to New York for 10 days," he said.

Joe said the toughest part of the trip was already over—trying to obtain a "ration" of dollars. "It was almost heart-breaking," he said, "particularly as I hope to popularise the game both in Bermuda and America, and incidentally earn dollars for us through the supply of equipment." —Reuter.

## AMERICAN TENNIS RANKING LISTS

New York, Jan. 13.—Dick Gonzales and Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, United States Men's and Women's Singles Lawn Tennis Champions, headed the American rankings for 1949.

This list of the top 10 is expected to be approved by the meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association on January 22:

**MEN**  
1. Ricardo Gonzales,  
2. Ted Schroeder,  
3. Frankie Parker,  
4. Billy Talbot,  
5. Bob Falkenburg,  
6. Earl Cochran,  
7. E. Victor Slezars Jr.,  
8. Gardner Mulloy,  
9. Herbert Flum,  
10. Harry Likas Jr.

**WOMEN**  
1. Mrs. Dupont,  
2. Louise Brough,  
3. Doris Hart,  
4. Gertrude Moran,  
5. Beverly Baker,  
6. Mrs. Helen Canning Todd,  
7. Shirley Fry,  
8. Mrs. Helen Peres,  
9. Mrs. Virginia Kovacs,  
10. Mrs. Helen Hildbary. — Associated Press.

## Miss Ampon Wins Manila Title

Manila, Jan. 13.—Miss Desidera Ampon, 23-year-old younger sister of the national tennis champion, Felicissimo Ampon, captured the Metropolitan Women's Singles Championship by beating the defending champion, Miss Estrella Abura, 6-6, 6-6.

The two ladies were also finalists in last year's tournament. Turning the tables this year, Desidera displayed stamina and remarkable rallying power, particularly in the second set, in which the defending champion at one time was leading by five to two.—United Press.

## Ted Schroeder May Turn Professional

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Ted Schroeder, ranked second among United States amateur lawn tennis players in 1948, disclosed here, he would seek the American Singles title next year. If he gets it, Schroeder said he might turn professional, like his former Davis Cup teammate, Jack Kramer.—Associated Press.

## College Basketball

New York, Jan. 13.—College basketball played yesterday resulted as follows:  
Yale 68 Columbia 51  
Yale 64 Fordham 37  
Villanova 42 Army 35  
Pittsburgh 41 Dickinson 33  
—United Press.

## "World Singles Title"

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—Dr. Dave Freeman, United States Badminton Champion, meets Davinder Mohan, the Indian star, here on Saturday night in a match advertised as for the "World's Singles Title."

The match is being sponsored by the Southern California Badminton Association. "Since his arrival in North America with the Indian Thomas Cup team, Mohan has beaten the two leading Canadian players, Dick Birch and John Sammis.—Reuter.







# Evatt Praises Attlee's Policy

## ONE OF THE GREATEST DECISIONS IN HISTORY

Perth, Jan. 13.—The Attlee Government's policy to give "complete freedom" to India, Pakistan and Ceylon was described by Dr Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, today as "one of the greatest decisions in history." It had changed the entire outlook in the South East Asia region, he added.

"Australia's outlook towards these three nations is the same as the British. We have great and good friends among the leaders of those three countries," he told a summer school here. "These friendships must be confirmed and strengthened so that South East Asia can be made free from aggression, either physical or ideological."

No great conflict existed, he said, between the Australian and British attitudes towards Indonesia.

Turning to last autumn's Commonwealth Premier's talks, Dr Evatt said: "One of the most important decisions of the conference has not yet been announced, but we hope it will be made public in the near future."

Saying it was wrong to suppose that Australia attached no importance to her ties with Britain, Dr Evatt said that Mr John Curtin, the Prime Minister, went to London in 1944 to secure closer co-operation and the establishment of an Empire Secretariat, but the only support he received was from New Zealand.

Australia again took the initiative at the October meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers in London, he added.

"Australia accepted recommendations from this conference within an hour, but with the other governments, because of their own internal problems there were long delays."

Referring to the controversy over the dropping of the word "British" from the Commonwealth, Dr Evatt said the confusion arose because the word was omitted from a communiqué issued during the London conference.

"No decision to drop the word 'British' was ever made, and its use is essential for a host of reasons," he said. "The name does not mean that every nation in the group is British in race, because that is not so."

### CENTRAL FEATURE

"However, it does refer to the central feature of the Commonwealth, which means to Australia a most intimate relationship with the King. How else can you refer to this group of nations? It would lead to confusion, because we have the Commonwealth of Australia and a variety of other Commonwealths."

Mr Clement Attlee regarded the Commonwealth Conference in London as the most important in the history of the British Commonwealth.

"Many important security and defence matters had been discussed, some of which could not be disclosed to the public at present."

The member nations of the British Commonwealth were associated through the Crown and through the right of nationality, but, said Dr Evatt, he preferred the word "King" to "Crown."

"A Crown is a chattel which is stored in the Tower of London except on ceremonial occasions, but the King is the head and pivot of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"The King's powers are the continuing guarantee of the freedom and unity of the Commonwealth," Dr Evatt added. "The security of Australia depends on a successful United Nations Organisation, on British Commonwealth co-operation, and on regional co-operation as a secondary bulwark against possible aggression."—Reuter.

## African Chief Warned To Renounce Bride

Capetown, Jan. 13.—The Bantuvato tribe of Bechuanaland has warned its Chief Designate, Seretse Khama, who is at present in London, to renounce his bride, a London typist aged 24, and return to assume the leadership of the tribe. Failing this, he will lose his right of accession to the chieftainship.

The tribe's ultimatum will go into effect after Seretse, aged 27, a former law student at Oxford University, completes his law studies in London and take his final examinations towards the end of this year.

The Johannesburg African newspaper, Transvaal reports that the tribe feels that Seretse has broken his contract with them by marrying a European without consultation and permission.

According to the newspaper, a memorandum conveying the tribe's decision to the British Government says that bringing a European wife to Bechuanaland would cause tribal disunity and unrest.—Reuter.

## Aly And Rita Go Skiing



Aly Khan carries ski equipment as he and American film star Rita Hayworth set out for the ski run at Murren, Switzerland.—AP Picture.

## EX-EMPEROR BAO DAI'S SURPRISE DECISION

Paris, Jan. 13.—Leading French Cabinet Ministers met in an emergency session today to consider the deadlock in Indo-China arising from the intimation of the refusal of Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, to return as head of the new Vietnam State until the French Government have given practical effect to the concrete guarantees of Vietnam independence.

## BILL ODOM'S FLIGHT

### Tiny Plane Said Running Well

Honolulu, Jan. 13.—Captain Bill Odom today crossed the half-way mark on the over-water leg of his 5,300-mile flight from Hawaii to New York, but he was running about four hours behind his flight plan. At 10.30 a.m. EST, Captain Odom was reported to be within 800 miles of the Washington coastline in his effort to break four long distance light plane records.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration picked up a position check from the flyer in which he said he was about 1,350 miles from Honolulu and was flying at 7,500 feet. He said he was encountering a "few high scattered clouds" and estimated that he would cross the coast near Seattle about 7 p.m. EST.

The lanky, round-the-world flyer bid goodbye to his patrol bomber escort at 8.05 a.m. EST about 900 miles northeast of Hawaii. The bomber had accompanied him since he left Hickam Field at 11.31 p.m. EST last night. As the PBV Catalina wheeled to the southwest it radioed him: "Wish you good luck." Captain Odom replied: "Sorry to see you go."

He said the engine, a tiny Beachcraft Bonanza, was running "pretty well" and noted that the plane was performing about as well as expected.—United Press.

### "CHILDREN'S ANGEL"

Casablanca, Jan. 13.—Count Leonardo Bonzi and Signor Luialdi, two Italian airmen flying a single-engine monoplane, the "Children's Angel," to South America to raise funds for 15,000 war wounded Italian children, left here today for Dakar.

From Dakar they will make their trans-Atlantic flight to Buenos Aires.

The "Children's Angel" is so small that all the available space has been given to fuel tanks, even a radio transmitter being sacrificed. The Italians, who are carrying a precious relic of St Francis which they hope will safeguard them on their 13,000-kilometre flight, left Albenga, near Genoa, on January 7.—Reuter.

## 200 U.S. PLANES FOR ITALY

Wiesbaden, Jan. 13.—Two hundred surplus planes from the American Air Force have been sold to Italy, the United States Air Force Headquarters announced here.

The statement, which declared that the U.S. State Department had approved the sale, said that the first delivery would be 100 C-45 two-engine cargo planes, and the remainder 100 L-5 single-engine observation planes (both wartime models).

Under the peace treaty Italy is allowed 200 fighter and reconnaissance planes and 150 transport and other aircraft, excluding bombers.—Reuter.

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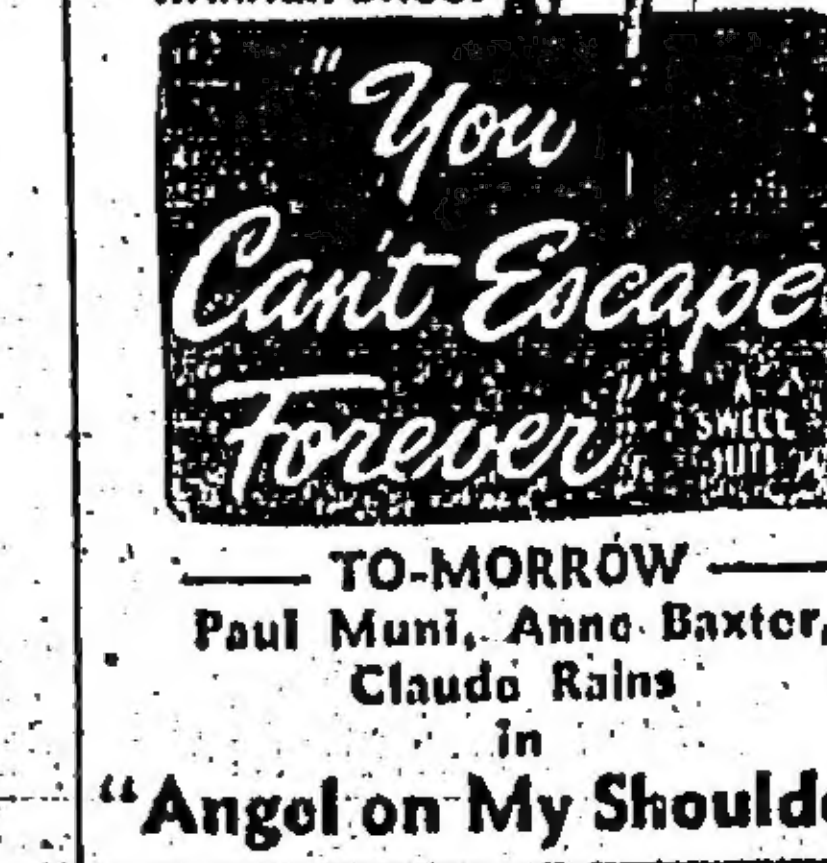
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